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For : METHOD OF MANUFACTURING  
SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE USING  
FLEXIBLE TUBE

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Sir:

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Listed for consideration are twelve U.S. Patents and two Japanese patent publications with English-language abstracts. Any relevance of these patents is self-evident. The Examiner may wish to consult related U.S. patent No. 6,681,808 issued on January 27, 2004, during his examination. The documents are listed on the attached Form PTO-1449.

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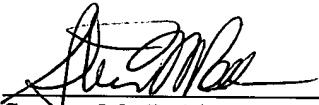
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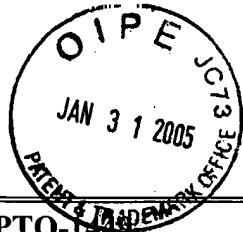
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